

**MN531.00 General.**

Geology assistance to Minnesota is provided by the Wisconsin NRCS Geologist. Requests for geology assistance are to be submitted to the State Conservation Engineer (SCE) on the MN-ENG-141 form. The SCE will assign a priority to the request and coordinate with the Wisconsin staff to schedule the assistance.

On all jobs where NRCS provides geologic investigation and/or soil mechanics assistance, permission for geologic investigations and surveys shall be obtained. The permission shall be in writing, and a copy kept in the design folder. Responsibility for seeing that permission is provided for site investigations shall rest with the sponsoring organization on project-type jobs, special jobs, and group-type jobs, and with the landowner on all other projects. On land where landrights have been obtained, the landowner and/or occupant shall be notified several days prior to any field investigations. The District Conservationist is responsible for this notification.

**MN531.04 Requirements for detailed geologic investigations.**

The NRCS will only provide detailed geologic investigations on jobs where NRCS staff is preparing the design.

NRCS may provide the equipment for geologic investigations as long as the work is within the capability of government owned equipment and the equipment can be scheduled.

When NRCS cannot meet the investigation requirements, the cooperator will be required to hire appropriate equipment to perform the investigation. The NRCS may provide staff to log soils, collect samples, and perform required tests.

Testing will be done through the National Design, Construction and Soil Mechanics Center (NDCSMC) whenever possible. All requests to the NDCSMC for testing will be made by the State Conservation Engineer.

**MN531.08 Erosion, sediment, and pollution control during site investigations.**

All State laws affecting geologic investigations must be followed. Provisions shall be made to seal boreholes in accordance with Health Department Regulations when required.

In areas such as farmsteads or feedlots where there may be a high availability of pollutants, all NRCS borings shall be sealed in such a manner that the boring will not create a pathway for pollutant transport.